PTO/SB/08a (06-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2003 OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary) of

Complete if Known 10/777,451 Application Number February 12, 2004 Filing Date Lilip Lau First Named Inventor 3762 Art Unit Unassigned **Examiner Name PARCR 67465** Attorney Docket Number

Examiner	Cite	Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited	Pages, Columns, Lines. When Relevant Passages or Relevan Figures Appear
Initials*	No	110	(if known)		Document	1,80,40,1,84,10
M	1	6,206,820 B1		03/27/01	Kazi et al.	+
1	2	6,537,203 B1		03/25/03	Alfemess et al.	
_	3	6,544,168 B2		04/08/03	Alferness	
	4	6,547,821 B1		04/11/03	Taylor et al.	
	5	6,564,094 B2		05/13/03	Alfemess et al.	
-+	6	6,567,699 B2		05/20/03	Alferness et al.	
\dashv	7	6,569,082 B1		05/27/03	Chin	
	8	6,572,533 B1		06/03/03	Shapland et al.	
	9	6,575,921 B2		06/10/03	Vanden Hoek et al.	
	10	6,582,355 B2		06/24/03	Alferness et al.	
	11	6,587,734 B2		07/01/03	Okuzumi	
		6,595,912 B2		07/22/03	Lau et al.	
	12			08/05/03	Lau et al.	
	13	6,602,184 B2		09/02/03	Lau et al.	
	14	6,612,978 B2		09/02/03	Lau et al.	
	15	6.612,979 B2		01/27/04	Lau et al.	
	16	6,682,474 B2		02/03/04	Gifford, Ill et al.	
	17	6,685,620 B2		02/03/04	Javaraman	
	18	6,685,627 B2		02/10/04	Vanden Hoek et al.	
	19	6,689,048 B2		02/24/04	French et al.	
	20	6,695,769 B2		03/09/04	Hussein	
	21	6,701,929 B2		03/09/04	Lau et al.	
	22_	6,702,732 B1			Lau et al.	
	23	6,723,041 B2		04/20/04	Cox et al.	
POA	24	6,730,016 B1		05/04/04	Cux et al.	

				FOREIGN	PATENT DOCU	MENTS		·
Examiner Initials*	Cite No ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages	T6
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Document	or Relevant Figures Appear	<u> </u>
	36	PCT	WO 98/58958		12/30/98	Haindl		
_M	25				06/29/00	Corset, Inc.		
"LK_	26	PCT	WO 00/36995		00:27:00		1	!
	Ī							T
:						<u> </u>		
		-						1
	 	 						╁
		 			1			
					·			
								_

Examiner Signature M. M. Who	Date Considered	8/8/05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ¹ See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO, Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Skind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449B/PTO Application Number 10/777,451 February 12, 2004 Filing Date INFORMATION DISCLOSURE First Named Inventor Lilip Lau STATEMENT BY APPLICANT 3762 Group Art Unit Unassigned **Examiner Name** (use as many sheets as necessary) **PARCR 67465** Attorney Docket Number

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*

Cite Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, ciry and/or country where published.

27 Vaynblat, Mikhail, M.D., et al., Cardiac Binding in Experimental Heart Failure, Annual Thoracic Surgery, pp. 81-85, 1997

28 Westaby, Stephen, et al., Landmarks in Cardiac Surgery. ISIS edical Media. pp. 198-199, 1997

44781.1

44776.1 Olysa M. alte

8/8/05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Inter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO, Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS, SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.